

HUMAN RIGHTS AUTHORITY
NORTHWEST REGION MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, August 26, 2014

Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission
4302 N. Main St., Rockford, Illinois

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Human Rights Authority, Northwest Region was called to order at 4:07 p.m. by the Chair, Florence Sandberg.

PRESENT: Florence Sandberg, Erin Wade, Colleen Parks, David Carlson, Karen Hughes

STAFF: Mona Lisa George

EXCUSED: David Retzlaff

ABSENT:

GUESTS: Bradley Bull, ATS Medical Service,
Dan Hiser, Visiting Nurses Assoc.
Tait Lundgren, Ben Gordon Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

A quorum was present and business was conducted as such. Colleen Parks read the confidentiality statement.

II. MINUTES

Minutes from March 4, 2014, April 15, 2014, June 3, 2014 and July 15, 2014 were approved.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. NEW COMPLAINTS

14-080-9016 Florence moved to ratify acceptance of the complaint for investigation. Colleen seconded, and the motion carried.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Closed Session Items

At 4:32 p.m. Florence motioned in accordance with Section 3955/21

of the Guardianship and Advocacy Act to go into closed session for discussion on case progress and closures, draft reports and other matters which could not be discussed without revealing confidential information. The HRA returned to open session at 5:04 p.m. having taken no voting action in closed session. A summary of the closed session includes progress reports, draft reports and responses. (9004, 9005, 9008, 9009, 9011, 9012, 9013, 9014, 9015, 9016).

B. Report Drafts for Issuance

14-080-9004 (Visiting Nurses) Colleen moved to accept the report as drafted. Erin seconded, and the motion was carried.

14-080-9005 (SwedishAmerican Hospital) Florence suggested follow-up on the number of mental health patients served and clarification of recommendations #1 and #3 of the report. Colleen stated an addition to the suggestions regarding psych. meds being flagged by pharmacists calling attention to these types of medication.

C. Accept Response/Case Closure/Make Public

14-080-9009 (Alden Debes) Erin moved to accept the case closure and to make public. The motion was seconded by Colleen, and the motion was carried.

14-080-9009 (Winnebago County Jail) All members agreed to proceed with negotiations regarding recommendations that were not accepted by the facility. The members also request information regarding why the jail is not subject to the Code.

D. Other Unfinished Business

The HRA discussed new member recruitment and requested clarification of the eligibility criteria for potential members.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting will be on October 14, 2014 at the IL Guardianship & Advocacy Commission, Rockford.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Florence moved to adjourn the meeting. Erin seconded the motion and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

David J. Carlson, Secretary